

5891 糖一十九百公千五第 日四念月八年子丙緒光 HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1878. 三拜禮 號一十月十癸 港香 PRICE \$27 PER MTON.

[PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.

Intimations

Steamship.

"YANGTSE,"
Master, will be despatched for the
Ports TO-DAY (Wednesday), the 11th
at 10 A.M.
Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 11th October, 1876.

SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCOW.
Steamship

it or Passage, apply
DOUGLAS LAPE

FOR HAMBURG.
S/S LII French Schooner.
"PARANA."
Master, will load here and at Whampoa,
will have quick despatch.
Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, 10th October, 1876.

EASTERN EXTENSION. AUSTRA-
LIA, AND CHINA TELEGRAPH

PORTANT NO.

GRAMS FOR INDIA, EUROPE,
AND AMERICA.

During the interruption of the Madras Cable, two Steamers, the "PANTAS" and "SHUAYDAGONE," will be kept running between Penang and Rangoon to carry Tele-

"SHUAYDAGONE" arrived at Penang yesterday and will leave for Rangoon at

... I. ERNSTMAN S

Acting General Manager.
5 Hongkong, 11th October, 1876.
NORRINGTON & Co.
34, GREAT ST. HELENS, E.C.
LONDON,
MERCHANTS.
We are in Iron (Old and New), Copper, Spel-
ling all Metals, Old Boiler Plates, Horse
s, Wire-Rope, Cart Tyres, &c.
We are a Firm is anxious to CORRESPOND
a FIRST-CLASS HOUSE well acquainted
the Metal Trade.
[26] 1881
FOR SALE. BY AGENTS

from Calcutta,
DANFORD of BOSTON

comprising ---
 sorted CHUTNIES, JAMS, JELLIES,
 PRESERVES, CURRY POWDER and
 TE, SYRUPS, MARMALADE, SAUCES,
 &c. Apply to
 J. M. ARMSTRONG.
 21 Hongkong, 10th October, 1876.

NOTICE
 IE Undersigned have REMOVED to
 No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET, next door to
 "Uchina Mall" Office.
 RADECKER & Co.
 1597 Hongkong, 8th October, 1876.

SEVENTH, ONE AND SPIRIT

AGENT for DE ST. MARCEAUX ET CIE'S
CHAMPAGNES,
Dépôt for Vichy Waters,
ED. PINAUD & CIE'S PERFUMERY,
N. ANTOINE ET FILS' LINEN, &c., &c.,
fresh Supply of FRENCH BOOTS received
by each French Mail.
44, QUEEN'S-ROAD, HONGKONG.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE.

LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named
 steamer Ship are requested to send in
 Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for
 countersignature, and to take immediate
 delivery of their Cargo.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Ship
 to be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
 and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
 Agents.

d 1619 Hongkong, 9th October, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

— & O. S. N. COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP
 LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named

foot, are hereby in-

the Company's Godowns at West Point, and delivery can be obtained from this date. Goods not delivered by the 15th instant will be subject to Rent.

Additional Cargo will be forwarded by the following Steamer unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M. TO-DAY.

Cargoes received on *Lombardy* and *Nizam*, London; *Khediv* and *Cathay*, from Malacca.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

(1811) Hongkong, 9th October, 1876.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Argyll* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send their Bills of Lading and Consignatures to the Under-signed, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Hindostan having arrived at the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their lists of Lading to the Undersecretary for Consignation, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be on one side and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

STEAMSHIP TRIPLE COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE

Shippers, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risks at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained from TO-MORROW, 17th inst, at 10 A.M. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless otherwise received from the Consignees before 11 A.M. TO-DAY, requesting it to be noted here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 14th inst, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

Life Insurance Co.

1400 Hongkong, 5th October, 1878.

Extracts.

THE OLD GARDEN.

I stood in an ancient garden,
With high red walls around,
Over them gray and green lichens
In shaggy masses wound.
The topmost climbing boughs
Of old trees hung down,
And within their shelter and shadow
And daintiest odours about.
There were silks and turquoises
Then gleams in the air;
The lawn was as soft as down,
And the air as cool as rain.
The annual was so good
It had gathered a thoughtful grace;
And the novel about its face
Seemed to have turned its face.
The flowers were all of the old
That were in garden spring;
Red, and blood-red, and dark purple,
And the rob-lump-faming bling.
Along the borders fringed
With broad thick edges of box,
Stead fastness and gorgeous poppies,
And sweetest of all, the roses.
There were juncos turned into eagles,
And red-tails turned into hawks;
For the garden, the ancient and primeval,
Still was quite ornamental.
It was all so lovely,
That I was almost to cry;
Young Spring, when she merrily entered,
Gave me no place for her.

GEO. MACDONALD IN "GOOD WORDS."

A SENSATIONAL BALLOON VOYAGE IN AMERICA.

A Philadelphia correspondent of *The Times* gives the following sensational account of a balloon voyage:—We had intended to go westward, and some of the party were sanguine enough to believe that we might get as far as the Rocky Mountains. The wind promised at first to be favourable, and our Comrades, Messrs. King, were required to master of his craft, and his balloon, the Buffalo, an unusually large one, carried gas enough for the journey, on the usual condition that every now and then it was lightened by some one of the passengers—nine in all—getting out. As we only took provisions for one heavy meal, we were forced to turn to the country for food. We made three descents to say nothing of halts and flying conversations as we passed along—and nothing could exceed the amiability and benevolence of almost all the people we encountered. One lady rushed off to get us a glass which we had, of course, forgotten, though we had plenty of wine; a gentleman volunteered to take our baggage to the nearest station; a farmer and an innkeeper fought which should give us a supper. Our horses—a perfect lady—waited on us as if we had been of the blood royal, and when we asked for the bill, we were pleasantly laughed to scorn. All the girls of the village—American, and therefore of necessity pretty—dressed with us after five minutes' acquaintance as if they had known us all their lives, and wrote their names and addresses in our note-books in order that we might send them newspapers recording the sequel of our adventures; there being, I have since been told, an honourable understanding with the young men of the party that they were not to take a base advantage of this confidence and the newspapers send bills to the party. The party consisted of Professor King's daughter, Mrs. Nelson, his assistant, Mr. McCormick, Messrs. Taylor, Ford, Saunders, Colburn, Jones, and myself. We made a very good ascent, starting at about two hundred feet, and went down some 2,000 feet before the earth. In about half an hour we were formed into a circle, enveloped in a dense cloud, which shut off all view of the earth. It was charged with rain, and the weight of the moisture on the balloon and still more the contraction of gas caused by the coolness of the atmosphere brought the balloon down so rapidly that I half thought we were coming to grief. We were not a minute before we were forced to descend. The balloon, as we touched the tree, rebounded from it with all the spring of an india-rubber ball, and in another moment was sailing majestically along at a safe height above the wood. Some ballast had also been thrown out, and it was perfectly marvellous that with such rapidity of motion, however slight, we did not. We were very high, and in a neighbouring field our dog, which was 80 ft. long, began to trail. Some labourers caught it, and at the Professor's request drew us to the ground. A crowd from the neighbouring farms soon collected; and it was here that the glass was brought us by a lady, and that a gentleman took charge of me, and that we were given to the ground. The order was then given to the labourers to loosen their hold of the car, and the balloon shot up again, but, as before, rose to no great height; so that we were still within halting reach of all the people we met. We were towed in triumph to within a few yards of the "King of Prussia," and there drawn to the ground, but we could not get the ship till stones enough had been brought to weight it and keep it down. The "King of Prussia," the name given strangely enough to the village as well as to the inn proved well worth a visit, apart from the attractions of supper. Washington appeared to come here in his night to hold conferences with his agents when the late President was in Philadelphia. The landlord, Mr. James Hoy, is a jovial Briton, hailing from Manchester. After the capital supper to which he treated us we returned to the balloon, and found it surrounded by a large crowd. The wind had almost entirely fallen; but a little breeze from the west, which we wished to make. The Professor accordingly resolved to wait a couple of hours or so on the chance of a change, and to pass away the time and show the people some return for the friendly reception they had given us. Some of the villagers were allowed to make short ascents by means of the balloon, which was drawn up by ropes held by others below. Mr. Taylor, who had been on many such expeditions before, told us of a very amusing, though at first somewhat alarming, incident which once befell him as he was entertaining some villagers in this way. His balloon, just after a large party of women had got into it, made its escape, and the horrified husbands and lovers below seeing their wives and sweethearts suddenly carried off shrieking to the clouds, supposed, not unnaturally, that the real object of the strangers' visit was to effect a modern "rape of the Sabinus," in order to people some new colony in the West, where wives are as valuable prizes. They were in fact, however, not stopped there, as the ladies were not so hard on him as he had feared, but the furious rustic close at his heels, or never left him until he made his escape. At about 10 o'clock we made up our minds to start, and as many heavy fowls and good wishes and cheers and waving of handkerchiefs as we had been village dignitaries leaving on old Louis for a new land. The sounds of the cheering had scarcely died away before we were out of sight of the village, and sailing along in profound silence through the air, the only sound which we heard was the soft rustle of the fabric, which was clearly to write notes or read the smallest print. We had only a general notion of the direction we were taking through Pennsylvania towards New Jersey. I was struck by the highly cultivated condition of the land and the vegetation of the forest, which clearly showed the advance of plain open to our view. But for the want of judges and the large number of isolated plantations led in clearing the land I might have fancied myself looking down on an English county. The villages, however, were fewer, every body but ourselves had by this time gone to bed. We were

slowly, more being, little breeze, that it was sometimes difficult to believe we were making movement in mid-air. The balloon seemed to hang in mid-air, fixed and motionless as the calm sky above. It was only by watching its shadow creeping along the earth, contracting and expanding as we rose, now and then, that we could at all realize our progress. We did not rise higher, and at a time our rope began to trail making a strange rustling noise, which much mystified and scared all the dogs for miles round, as it dragged through trees or the tall stalks of the Indian corn. Now and then it went scraping and scratching over a farm roof, loud enough to awaken the most resolute of rustic sleepers, and on such occasions, the youngest members of the party could not resist the temptation to utter the most unseemly war-whoops and yells. One man's curiosity was too much for him, and he brought a lantern to the door. The rapidity with which it disappeared as he discovered that the unseemly sounds really came from the clouds, was so convincing that he turned back and did not take one headlong jump back again under the bedclothes. At about four o'clock, as dawn was breaking, we had a very exciting adventure, which served thoroughly to rouse us all up and shake off any incipient drowsiness. As we were slowly making for a railroad we saw a train coming down it at a light gallop, and it was not long before it crossed the road just as the train came up. If our drag and rope had become entangled in the "cow-catcher" of the engine, the meeting might have proved as awkward for the balloon as it was for the train. The Professor had our provision basket in which some game and sandwiches were still left, ready uplifted for the sacrifice, as our ballast had all gone, and there were a few moments of intense excitement, with necks craning over the basket, we watched the race between rope and train. The rope won by about a hundred yards and the provision basket was saved. Soon after we began to come upon labourers at work, and tried to find out where we were, but though each knew his village, they gave us very contradictory answers on other points. We discovered, however, that we were making for New York, which was from 20 to 30 miles distant. The heat of the sun soon began to expand the gas, and we rose gradually to a height which the Professor estimated at nearly three miles. We were, of course, far above all clouds, and suffered not a little from the heat and blinding rays of the sun, all the more because a few minutes before, in passing through the clouds, we had suffered from the cold. The pain in our ears was much less than we had expected, and indeed we got no more the "ear-ache" which the air seemed to give, as if it were going to burst. It was recommended to keep on gulping as if trying to swallow something, and found this a great relief. Several times as the balloon passed between the sun and a white cloud we saw its reflection distinctly traced in the cloud in fantastic effects, with gorgeous rainbow-coloured—a sort of rainbow shadow. We forgot even our hunger, and the breakfast of which we had been since 5 o'clock in search, and wished to prolong this glorious journey among the clouds, but our Comrades had discovered that we were drifting towards the ocean, which had for some time been full in view, and as this is one of the worst of all dangers, which we had not yet met, we began to descend. When at last we got near the earth, at half past 9 o'clock, we found we were descending with a little rapidity. The order was shouted to keep quiet, and to stick to the ship, whatever happened, but one of the party lost either his grip, or his breath, or both, as the ship jumped on the ground, he rolled out. He was not hurt, but the accident led to various difficulties which are of no interest to the public, but which, unfortunately for me, however fortunately for my readers, cut our journey prematurely short.

GALILEO.

In the winter of 1632, a venerable man, enshrouded by disease and borne down by the weight of sixty-nine years, was travelling from Florence to Rome, a toilsome horseback journey of a hundred and forty-six miles. He had been summoned from his home in this incident season by that dread tribunal, the Inquisition, whose displeasure he had incurred by his persistent refusal to give the magnitude of his power. It was the great Galileo who was journeying towards Rome to submit to the questionings of the Inquisition. His offence was that he knew more than the doctors of the Inquisition knew. He had spent his life in the laborious study of nature. The son of a poor Italian musician, he had obtained in his youth that aptitude for mathematics which we have observed in the boyhood of Newton; as well as a passionate love of literature and music, which poor Galileo had a family of six children to maintain, and could therefore afford him only a very little aid in his studies. Galileo, however, made his own way, and his diligence was rewarded by brilliant success. Besides mastering the Latin authors, he became really proficient in drawing and learned to play on several instruments with so much facility and taste, that he was urged to devote his life to music. At the age of eighteen he showed so many and such remarkable proofs of genius, that his father, who at all hazards to give him a university education, and he was accordingly entered as a student of medicine at the university of Pisa. He was not destined to be a physician. Full of curiosity upon all subjects, and finally fascinated by the study of mathematics, he won so much distinction as to be appointed professor of astronomy at the university of Pisa before he had completed his twenty-fifth year. He had, however, entered the university before he made one of his most important inventions. As the first of apples from a tree led Newton to the theory of gravitation, so the slow and uniform swinging of a lamp suspended from the roof of the Italian cathedral suggested to Galileo the idea of the pendulum as a measurement of time and as a motive power of clocks. It was fifty years later, however, before he actually constructed a pendulum clock. For his people he wrote many excellent treatises upon science, far in advance of his age. For the State he composed the laws of the republic of Pisa, and he invented the thermometer, and the barometer, and the compass. Hearing one day by chance that some one in Holland had invented a contrivance by which distant objects could be seen as though they were near, he entered upon a course of experiments, which, in a few days resulted in the construction of a telescope. He was so successful that he was called upon to publish his new discovery, and he was thus introduced into the study of the heavens. He was boundless wonder and delight, he discovered that the moon, like the earth, had her mountains and her valleys; that the planet Jupiter went his round accompanied by four moons; that the Milky Way was composed of innumerable stars; and that there were spots on the face of the sun, and that he had had a little of the sun's heat and light. He was thus introduced into the study of the heavens. He was boundless wonder and delight, he discovered that the moon, like the earth, had her mountains and her valleys; that the planet Jupiter went his round accompanied by four moons; that the Milky Way was composed of innumerable stars; and that there were spots on the face of the sun, and that he had had a little of the sun's heat and light. He was thus introduced into the study of the heavens. 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